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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each non-U.S. patent document is enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 7,149,409
Japan 2002-101381
Japan 2000-268536
Japan 2001-216767
Japan 2002-175680
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These documents were cited during prosecution of Japan 2002-224884, from which the above-identified application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119. A copy of a Japanese Office Action dated December 4, 2007 is enclosed.

English language abstracts for the Japanese documents have been located and are enclosed for the Examiner's consideration. The concise explanation of relevance

for each of these documents is believed to be satisfied by the enclosed English abstracts. In addition, it is believed that U.S. Patent No. 7,149,409 is an English language counterpart of Japan 2002-101381 and therefore, the concise explanation of relevance for Japan 2002-101381 is also believed to be satisfied by the U.S. counterpart. See MPEP § 609.

This application has received a Notice Of Allowance under 37.C.F.R. § 1.311, and the issue fee is being paid concurrently with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. Accordingly, in view of the date of the Japanese Office Action, it is hereby certified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that each document in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement. Additionally, as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d), a fee of \$180.00 accompanies this information Disclosure Statement.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicant.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa,
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